



Our shared heritage shapes our legacy



ANNUAL REPORT

2019-2020





Chris Smith
Chair

When we held the annual general meeting in January 2020 in Soho House, the world was beginning to hear about some sort of coronavirus spreading in China. Little did we know then the impact of that COVID-19 would have on our lives during 2020!

2020 has therefore been a very different year for Legacy WM. Staff were furloughed for much of Lockdown One, worked from home for much of 2020, but continued to deliver activities virtually. Most importantly they sought many different ways of providing support for the Handsworth and Lozells communities during these very challenging times. The Board of Trustees and I have been very impressed by the staff's innovative ideas and support systems as they have responded to these unprecedented circumstances. We both thank and congratulate them on their efforts and commitment to support those in need.

A positive outcome of this very different year has been for the Board of Trustees and the Director to use the time purposefully to review where Legacy WM is ten years on from its founding. The time has been used to look at the potential of future projects and of the future growth for the charity. 2021 will hopefully see the on-going development and implementation of those ideas and initiatives.

I hope that 2021 will start to see a new normality and some balance returning to all of our lives. My thoughts go to those members of our community who have suffered loss as a result of the pandemic.

I hope that 2021 will be a very different and very constructive year for Legacy WM as hopefully we are able to return to more normal ways of working.



Aftab Rahman
Director

What started in my living room ten years ago, as a simple idea to collect stories of Bangladeshi people, has become a charity with national and international reach. As I reflect on the last decade, I am overwhelmed and humbled by our epic journey. For the first five years I worked on my own to deliver projects with support from the Legacy WM board and our amazing volunteers. Our precarious existence meant that we were completely reliant on each bit of funding we were able to secure. The last five years has seen the substantial growth in funding, resulting in the expansion of staff, which has equalled a greater positive impact in the community. We are not resting on our laurels and have set ambitious targets for growth throughout our next ten years.

Covid-19 has had an overwhelming effect on the communities that we serve, and we have seen many people close to us suffer illness or pass before their time. For an organisation which has community at its core, we have been devastated by this, and even more determined to support people in whatever way we can. We adapted our services and took some activities online as a way of reaching out and continuing with our support in a different way. With the roll-out of a vaccine, we look forward in the coming months to returning to a level of normality.

I am extremely grateful to our staff team who bring 'love and passion' to everything that they do, and our Legacy WM Board who are equally passionate. Last year saw the growth in volunteering and our Community Champions have enabled us to have a greater impact and I cannot thank them enough. The support that our Community Champions and volunteers have given makes all the difference to the impact we are able to have on our community. The people that we work with, young and old, remain at the heart of everything that we do, and I would like to sincerely thank them for their participation in our projects; we are here to serve. Our delivery would not be possible without all our amazing funders, I am so grateful for your continued support. Thanks to you all.

Wellbeing

During these unprecedented and challenging times, Legacy WM's focus on physical and mental wellbeing has never been more crucial. Generous funders understood the need for additional support. Thanks to them, the Legacy WM team have delivered a range of projects within the community, increasing physical and emotional health. Traditional project delivery has been difficult, but the Legacy WM team have combined traditional and innovative delivery. Their unending commitment has continued to improve the lives of our community.

Children In Need Summer Scheme

Despite being in the middle of a pandemic during 2020, Legacy WM were still able to deliver an exceptionally good summer play scheme. Working within the COVID-19 guidelines, activities were carefully planned and risk assessed and extra staff were put in place to ensure the safe delivery of the programme. Numbers were also restricted to allow social distancing to take place, with only 48 participants allowed to sign up for the playscheme.

Social bubbles were created with two members of staff assigned to each bubble. Working in partnership with a local primary school gave the additional advantages of brilliant facilities and a secure site for delivery. Using the classrooms, Legacy WM delivered arts, crafts and healthy living workshops. Outside, there were a range of sport activities including football, badminton, tennis, catch ball and general fitness sessions.



Activities During Lockdown and Beyond

From March onwards the country went into its first full lockdown because of the pandemic. No group physical, sporting or recreational activities were allowed. There was an overriding concern about how these restrictions would affect our participants. Legacy WM's work continued in a different way, and new funding sources allowed the purchase of activity packs which were distributed amongst the community, encouraging mental and physical stimulation.

As an organisation, we understand the profound positive impact activities have on the physical and mental health of participants. Given the current restrictions both locally and nationally our regular programmes have been severely restricted. Going forward Legacy WM will use the tools we have developed during the year to restart our physical activities as soon as possible, while always ensuring that the safety of our users is at the foundation of any session, and appropriate risk assessments are in place. Virtual sessions or home activity packs have been, and will continue to be, delivered. Once the restrictions are downgraded to a safe level face to face delivery will resume.



Football League

The five-a-side football league continued during 2020, the league is now in its sixth year following its inception in 2014. Presently we have eight competitive teams, which aims to engage over 35-year-old men, but due to high levels of interest, several participants are below this age. The pandemic has meant that the games have been sporadic and during lockdown it has been impossible to deliver the sessions.

While government guidelines allowed, we engaged over 50-year-old men to participate in regular football training sessions. This ignited a newfound passion for participants, and thanks to funding from Power to Change Legacy WM has established an over-40s league with six teams, keeping older players engaged. The atmosphere on a Sunday afternoon in Goals Perry Barr is buzzing, with up to 100 men socialising and taking part in sports. Sundays have become a fundamental part of the players' and supporters' routine. Sessions have a profound positive impact on physical and mental wellbeing. We look forward to returning to regular sessions once the pandemic is over.

Legacy Kids Badminton

Due to COVID-19 the Kids Badminton Project has been closed for the majority of the year. However, we did manage to restart some sessions at the end of September for four weeks before the second national lockdown came into effect. During this brief return to face-to-face delivery, Legacy WM were delighted by the great turn out and positive feedback from all participants. Such was the popularity of sessions that it was necessary to turn some young people away in order to adhere to the strict number limits. We hope to restart the kids Badminton project in January 2021 with new risk assessment and safeguarding protocols in place. We look forward to welcoming everyone back at this time.



Half Term Playscheme

At very short notice the Legacy WM team were able to organise a four-day holiday playscheme at King Edward VI School in Handsworth. The development of the virtual offer was vital for the playscheme, and all of the art, heritage and cooking sessions were delivered online. Sports sessions were delivered face-to-face, and unfortunately it was necessary to cancel these halfway through the week because of the Coronavirus. Despite this, this combination delivery method meant that there was still a resource for the young people to access, and the videos that were created to support the playscheme have been watched hundreds of times. The safety of participants is of utmost importance, and the organisation will resume a face-to-face delivery model when it is safe to do so. Until then, there are alternative engagement models that the organisation will continue to employ to support our young people.



Anglesey Daily Mile & Daily Mile at Home Scheme

As part of the Family Fit 2 programme, Legacy WM continued to improve the health of young people in Lozells through the launch of another Daily Mile scheme, this time at Anglesey Primary School. Despite the pandemic, the school managed to have the Daily Mile route painted around the playground. Those that attended school and the summer playscheme were encouraged to walk a mile each day, which was allowed under government guidelines. Students and families not attending the school were also encouraged to take part in their own Daily Mile at Home within their own 'social bubble'.

The Daily Mile was officially launched at Anglesey Primary School on 20th August 2020, supported by Sport Birmingham, West Midlands Police, Aston Villa FC and local VIPs. It formed part of the celebration event which was the culmination of the Children In Need Summer Scheme, and was greatly enjoyed by all who took part.



Primary Schools Summer Activity Packs

Along with the family packs which Legacy WM distributed within the local area, the organisation also liaised with local primary schools, giving out 150 games packs to primary aged children to keep them and their families entertained throughout the summer holidays. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions and the fear of transmission, parents were wary of letting their children out; the activity packs were a blessing for many children and families. This project was just one example of the organisation altering its means of delivery to meet the needs of the community.

Virtual Mental Health Awareness Week

Mental Health Awareness Week is always an important landmark in the Legacy WM calendar, shining an important spotlight on people's emotional and psychological wellbeing. As with many other programmes, the usual range of face-to-face sessions had to be amended because of the pandemic. Instead of this, a range of online seminars and workshops were arranged to support participants in a different way. These sessions, which included music and sleep focussed workshops, were very well received by all who took part.



Heritage

Celebrating heritage remains the foundation of much of Legacy WM's work. The culmination of the heritage walks programme and the pandemic has led to research into sustainability of the heritage offer, and investigation into alternative engagement tools during the majority of the year.

Heritage Volunteer Training Programme

2020 was the final year of funding for Legacy WM's heritage project, thanks to funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and Historic England. Legacy's Heritage Officers were progressing with the delivery of another heritage volunteer training programme when the first lockdown occurred, preventing the completion of the course. The heritage officers are dedicated to finding a way to complete the course, either virtually or face to face in 2021. Once again, the sessions which took place were filled with lively and inspiring ideas. The Handsworth area continues to fascinate and enthral, and Legacy WM look forward to continuing to share the areas' varied history again in 2021.



Diversity Training

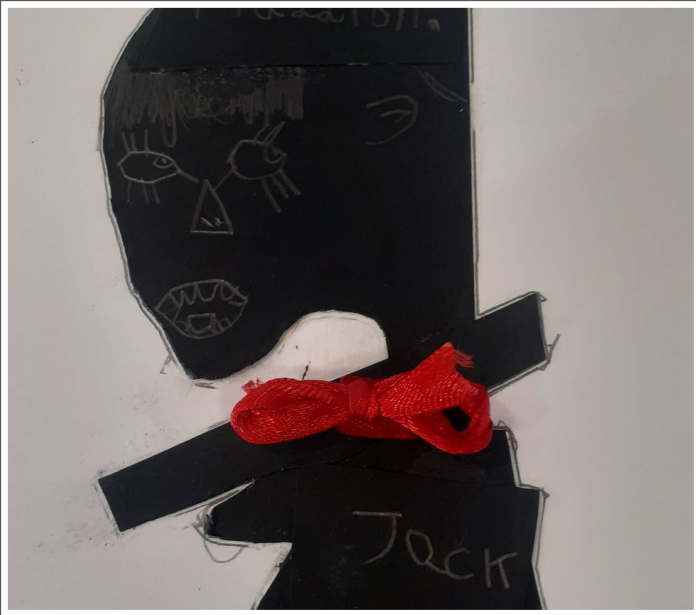
Celebrating and respecting all different cultures lies at the heart of Legacy WM's ethos. Protests across the globe highlighted the need to work effectively with people from different backgrounds. This year we put together a training session addressing this need and to cultivate deeper understandings of diversity and social justice, addressing preconceived notions about Handsworth and examining ways to remove these barriers.

The training session's main aims were to encourage participants to become more confident when working with diverse audiences and to raise awareness of Handsworth's historical and cultural relevance. Legacy WM also wanted to give participants confidence when communicating and relating to others from diverse backgrounds. Sadly, delivery was postponed due to the government restrictions.

School for Social Entrepreneurs Sessions

Here at Legacy WM Karmi and Rachel became 2 of 71 leaders across England selected for a competitive learning programme and grant of up to £10,000. The Community Business Trade Up Programme is run by the School for Social Entrepreneurs (SSE), in partnership with Power to Change. These organisations support community business leaders to increase their income and build stronger organisations, so they can create more benefit to their local areas. The programme has involved the Heritage Officers attending a nine-month learning programme which started in April 2020 and will be completed in 2021. Due to Covid-19, the programme has been delivered virtually.





Georgian Day at Soho House

As part of Legacy WM's partnership work with a range of community organisations, we delivered dancing and craft sessions during Soho House Museum's Georgian Day earlier in the year. Participants had the opportunity to learn a popular dance from the Georgian period, and to create silhouette profiles, a popular leisure pursuit during the period when Matthew Boulton and his family lived at Soho House. These sessions form one aspect of Legacy's heritage work; investigating and celebrating all areas of Handsworth's heritage and creating a range of engaging sessions to share these stories more widely.

Virtual Delivery of Heritage

Along with many other organisations, Legacy WM's plans for 2020 were severely affected by the pandemic. Much of our service delivery had to be postponed, cancelled or adapted. The positive that came from this change was the opportunity to develop our virtual offer. Legacy WM received funding for equipment and training from the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF), and a programme of virtual delivery has begun. Sessions have included new YouTube videos, online walking videos in partnership with The Active Wellbeing Society (TAWs), Facebook Live sessions and the development of a Podcast Series 'Every Journey Matters'. These sessions have allowed us to broaden our reach, and to celebrate Handsworth's amazing heritage to a wider audience. We look forward to developing this aspect of our work in 2021.



Watt's Going On?

Following the delivery of a range of community activities as part of the James Watt bicentenary in 2019, residual funds from the programme were used to deliver a further heritage themed playscheme during the February half term holiday. The young people taking part enjoyed a range of performance, crafting and cooking activities, many of which were inspired by the life of James Watt and his Lunar Society friends. The playscheme was a fitting finale to the community programme, and Legacy WM look forward to celebrating heritage in creative and innovative ways in 2021!

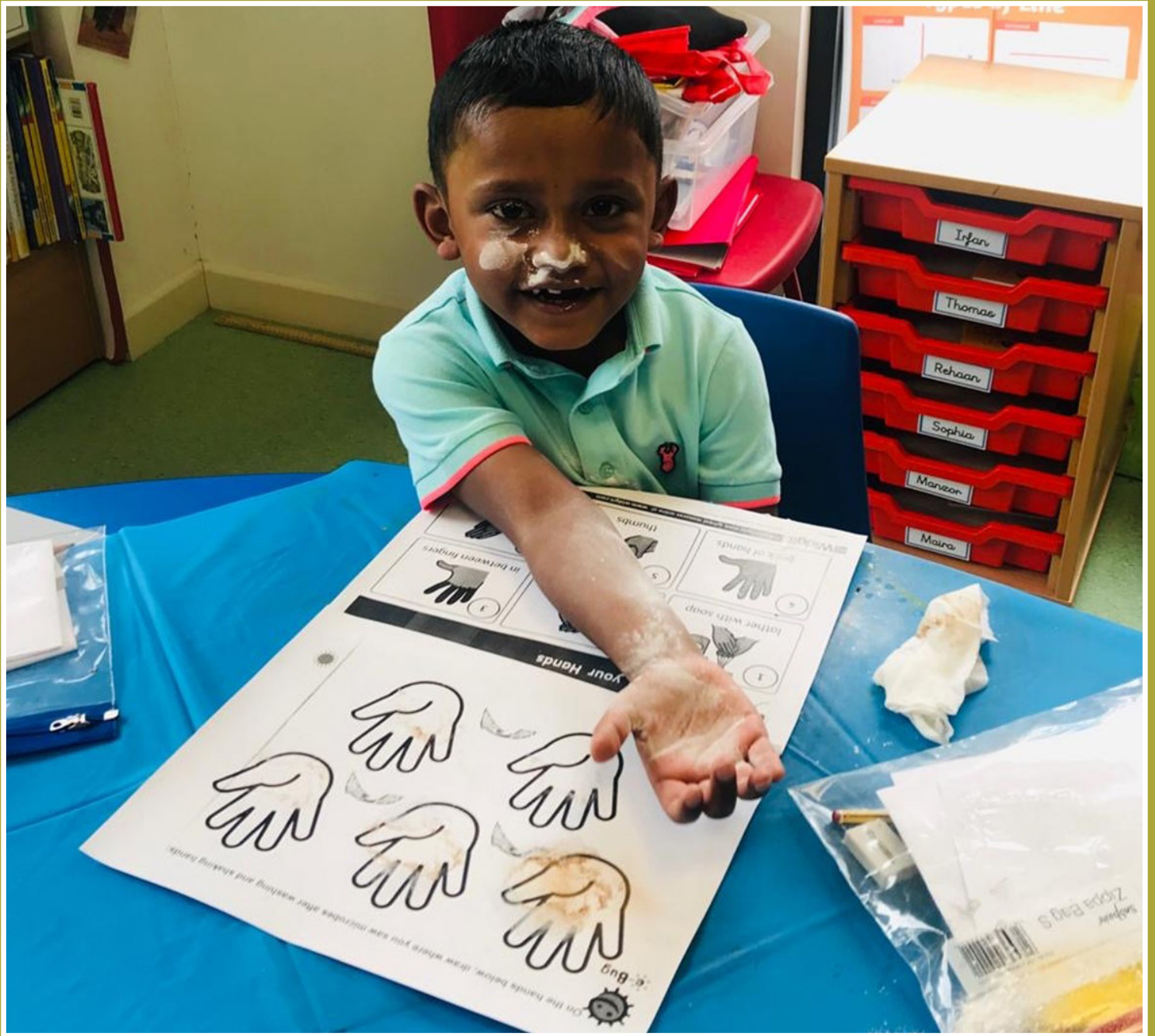


Birmingham Heritage Week

Legacy WM's heritage work continued throughout the year, and Birmingham Heritage Week gave the opportunity to trial new sessions. Four new sessions were planned, but due to lockdown restrictions, only two were able to take place. The postponed events have been rescheduled to take place in the New Year as soon as government guidance allows. The two sessions which took place were delivered in Handsworth Park, and focussed on nature within the park, and drawing activities. We appreciated the opportunity to spend more time in this beautiful park during Birmingham Heritage Week, and to investigate some of the many facets to its history. Birmingham Heritage Week shines a light on the incredible history of our City, and Legacy WM always enjoy celebrating Handsworth as part of this.



Launch of Daily Mile, August 2020



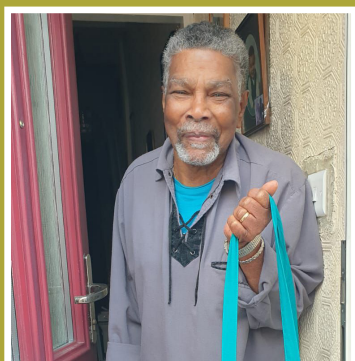
Health workshop delivered as part of Children In Need Playscheme

Community Cohesion

COVID-19 reminded us of the importance of community, and the strength that we can draw from others when we work together. We have been inspired this year by our community including partner organisations, service users and funders. In these times of crisis, the Legacy WM team have witnessed our incredible community spirit in action. Community cohesion projects have sought to support and promote these activities as we move forward together.

Here to Serve

The onset of the lockdown was a very difficult period for everyone; sadly the areas that Legacy WM work in recorded the highest death rate in Birmingham during the first lockdown. Legacy's board took the decision to furlough the majority of the staff team. The Director at Legacy continued to work on a variety of projects, including supporting The Active Wellbeing Society (TAWs) who were leading #brumtogether, which offered support to vulnerable people through the provision of food packs and cooked meals. These culinary efforts encouraged others to volunteer too. The Head of Olive School, Shawkat Choudhury offered his school as a base for cooking and his team also cooked hot meals. Several thousand hot meals were cooked as part of #brumtogether, and Legacy was humbled to be able to contribute to such a momentous cause.



Home & Well

During the COVID-19 pandemic Legacy WM set up the Home & Well project which aimed to support vulnerable people in following COVID-19 guidelines to stay fit and healthy whilst quarantining at home. Initially the Legacy WM team trained to become 'COVID Champions', conducting online COVID-19 wellbeing interviews with Birmingham City Council's 'Bhealthy' campaign materials. The team also distributed 200 family wellbeing activity packs to local people deemed to be at higher risk of contracting COVID-19.

In addition, we produced 10 online fitness videos and 10 online cooking videos to encourage healthy eating on a budget, which can be found on the Legacy WM YouTube Channel and Sport Birmingham's Playwaze site. Legacy WM improved engagement through online seminars and a comprehensive social media campaign.

Engaging Elders Project

Legacy WM received funds from Perry Barr Neighbourhood Network to support over 55's within the Handsworth & Lozells area. 2020 started well with an Elders Tea Party including entertainment from Handsworth born violinist, Melika Queely. In addition, a weekly support group was established for women over the age of 55 focusing on a range of topics including Diabetes, support around a range of women's issues and a healthy food competition. The project even included a monthly Culturally Sensitive Dementia Café at St Mary's Convent.

Due to the pandemic, it was necessary to repurpose the project to provide much needed emergency support, including an online assessment of need, weekly monitoring calls, weekly foodbank distribution in partnership with Aspire and Succeed, preparation of cooked meals in partnership with The Active Wellbeing Society (TAWs), online mental health seminars, heritage walks, and the distribution of 200 COVID-19 Time Capsule booklets. We also upskilled and trained 12 new and existing volunteers and local community champions to meet the demand for support.



Seldom Heard Food Conversations

Legacy WM led a series of focus groups on behalf of Birmingham City Council's Public Health Department, assisting with understanding the health and physical activity levels of different communities living within the City.

In order to do this the organisation ran focus groups looking at attitudes towards food within different groups, such as those who identify as female, first-generation migrants who moved to Birmingham within the last 5 years, third/fourth generation children of migrants whose grandparents or great-grand parents moved to Birmingham in the 1950/60s, and those aged between 18 and 25 years old.

The consultation sessions took place at the Lighthouse Young People's Centre and Aspire & Succeed. The focus group was delivered by Legacy's Wellbeing Lead Dawn Carr, as an informal discussion using 13 topic questions around food culture, healthy eating, influences on food choices, buying and cooking food, eating out, food waste, and vegan and specialist diets.



Healthy Food Making

During the various lockdowns and changing tiers, many people found themselves at home more than ever, and for some this involved having "lots of nothing to do". To engage those at home, the Legacy WM team designed and developed a range of homemade healthy food recipes for people and families to try out. The recipes were uploaded on the Legacy WM YouTube channel. These recipes were very well received for those spending more time at home, giving suggestions for a range of dishes and giving more ideas for things that families could try out together!

COVID-19 Resource Packs

During this pandemic Legacy WM was able to secure emergency COVID-19 funding to support the communities we work with. The funding allowed the organisation to put together resource packs for our service users. The packs included sports equipment and board games for the whole family to keep them engaged mentally as well as physically. Items included exercise bands, a COVID-19 diary, a drawing/colouring booklet, family board games, a rounders set, badminton equipment and a cricket set. The distribution of the resource packs was covered by BBC Midlands Today. YouTube videos were also produced for fitness and sports, and these activities were promoted using Legacy's social media channels as alternative ways to promote health and wellbeing. 100 family activity packs were given away in total. This was very important for the families from our local communities and helped to counteract the negative effects of the lockdown restrictions. It gave children and families activities to do instead of just staring at a screen.



Freedom 50

2021 marks 50 years of Bangladeshi independence; Legacy WM have established a national partnership under the banner of 'Freedom 50' with a range of activities planned. During the first lockdown period when cycling was allowed, many members of Legacy WM's community dusted down their bikes, some even brought new ones, and started to cycle on a weekly basis. After contacting organisations in Oldham and London it was decided that a national bike ride would be organised to mark the anniversary. Shale Ahmed from Aspire and Succeed is the Chair of the steering committee and in partnership with Human Appeal we hope to raise £50,000 towards the building of a school in Bangladesh. Freedom 50 will have up to 100 cyclists participating in a national bike ride from Oldham to London in June 2021. There will be opportunities for local people to take part in walks, runs and cycling to raise funds for a great cause whilst improving their wellbeing at the same time.



Housing Plans

Legacy WM is branching out to incorporate social housing. The organisation's housing plans have been driven by the aim to save nine Georgian houses owned by Colin Simms. Having received funding from Power to Change and Social Business Investment, Legacy WM is now undertaking a feasibility study and preparing a business plan to ensure viability. The organisation's aim is to become a Registered Social Housing Provider, which will enable us to apply for capital grants which can then be used to support the purchase of the houses. The houses will be used to home large families and support vulnerable adults with assisted living. The houses have interconnected gardens, and at the rear is a building which we hope to develop into a community hub in the future.



Food Parcel Delivery

In partnership with Aspire and Succeed, Legacy WM collected, packed and delivered food parcels to local families. Legacy WM meet a range of different and complex needs for members of our community and addressing food poverty is just one of them. Access to a healthy diet is essential to those shielding or unable to go out to get groceries. Food parcel delivery is a new service which has been delivered this year and demonstrates how Legacy WM is able to adapt their service to meet the changing needs of the community. The Handsworth and Lozells area is home to many incredible people, and Legacy WM is thankful to our incredible funders who allow us to offer this valuable support to help those in need.



Recruiting Volunteers

Over the years Legacy WM has recruited and trained many volunteers to support the delivery of our major projects. Our volunteers and Community Champions are essential to the impact that Legacy has as a grassroots organisation. During the pandemic, the passion and reach of our volunteers took on an even greater importance, and we would like to express our deepest gratitude to every single person who has given their time to support our work. In 2019 Legacy WM supported the Europod European exchange project held in Birmingham and through that project we recruited and trained four young people, Khairul Islam, Sami Hussain, Naeem Ahmed and Thamjeed Khan. We also recruited Shah Abbas, Ahsanul Islam and Hassan Ali. These volunteers, and many others, played an integral part in the delivery of our COVID-19 programme. They are all local people with a passion to help others. In 2021 we aim to continue to recruit young people to empower the next generation of community activists.

Legacy WM Team



Dawn Carr

Health & Wellbeing Officer



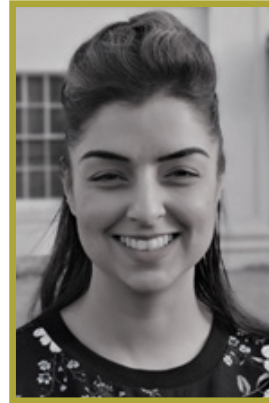
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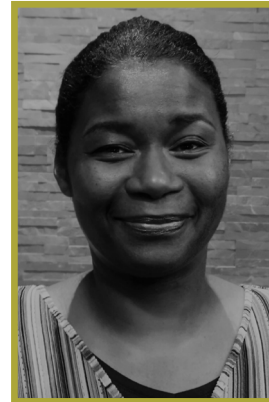
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Social Mission

To celebrate the heritage of post-war migrant communities in Birmingham and highlight their relationship to the industrial, architectural, and cultural heritage of the city.

Social Value 2019/20

Provided COVID-19 relief support for over 350 families in Handsworth & Lozells	13 local residents trained health champions	75% improved awareness of COVID-19 with health & wellbeing outcomes
Developed new live sensory walks to encourage movement during lockdown	 850 children participating in Daily Mile Programme	Over 900 local, national and international participants in our heritage walks
 Delivered cultural programmes uniting the local community and overseas partners	90 people engaged with our mental health support programme	 Over 2000 interaction with our 'at home' online activity videos

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Treasurer



As we get to the close of a very challenging year of Covid 19 restrictions and regulations, I can happily report that Legacy WM has gone from strength to strength financially and secured funding to adapt, grow and digitise as we continue find innovative ways of supporting the community.

I am standing down as Treasurer having served almost 10 years in this role. During this time, I have seen the organisation transform from one employee on a short-term contract, in a shared office, sometimes with insufficient funds to cover their salary, to a thriving charity with five substantive staff, as well as several support sessional staff. Legacy WM have been on an incredible journey, with community always at the heart of everything that we do.

The journey continues, and there are plans to expand even further. The time is now right for me to retire from the Treasurer's position and hand over to fresh eyes as we move forward with a healthy bank balance and funds in reserve.

Some of those funds in reserve are being utilised to secure two members of staff for the next twelve months as we have been unable, as yet, to secure further funds to continue their heritage work. They are a huge asset to Legacy WM and work beyond the bounds of their job descriptions and we do not wish to lose them.

Legacy WM

Treasurer's Annual Report financial year ending 31st October 2020

	Current Year Total Funds 2020 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2019 £
Aston Villa Foundation	1,000	500
Award For All	10,000	-
BBC Children In Need	12,661	9,440
Big Lottery Fund	115,238	97,340
British Council - Grandmas Tales (European Fund)	45,532	-
Culture Central	3,439	3,000
Groundwork - Gardening project	-	1,250
Happy Healthy Holidays	-	7,000
Heritage Lottery Fund (Herritage Office)	5,750	28,640
Historic England	9,316	8,381
Nostos Etaireia (Simra)	16,247	25,400
Sainsbury Trust 5,000	-	-
The Lunar Society	-	9,500
The MSE Charity - Financial literacy	-	499
University of Manchester	-	650
TWF Grant	300	-
Badminton England	972	-
Birmingham City Council	35,815	-
Heart of England	6,000	-
Living Well UK	6,460	-
Power to change - Housing	15,000	-
Power to change - COVID-19 Community	-	-
Organisation Recovery Scheme	48,755	-
The Active Wellbeing Society	1,350	-
Use IT Project	3,000	-
WMP - Research	1,000	-
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Further details of Legacy WM can be found on the Charity Overview page on the Charity Commission website:

www.gov.uk/organisations/charity-commission

Future Plans

COVID-19 has had a devastating impact globally, and closer to home we have sadly seen many people within our community pass away before their time. Our work to improve the physical and mental health of the community that we serve takes on an even greater urgency in the face of this pandemic. We remain steadfast in our focus on the wellbeing of the people that we work with, as well as constantly reaching out to new audiences. 2020 saw Legacy WM lead a successful bid together with local partner organisations Aspire & Succeed, Saathi House and Nowka Bais, which resulted in funding from The National Lottery Community Fund COVID-19 Recovery Programme. Together our organisations' will deliver complementary services in order to provide maximum community benefit. Legacy WM will allocate a portion of this funding to mark out Daily Mile trails in three local parks to encourage and motivate visitors to exercise and increase their level of physical activity. This project is laying a foundation for future plans to develop a community hub in George's Park, delivering services, events and refreshments. We are developing this project with the anticipation that it can be delivered as part of a legacy for the upcoming Commonwealth Games in 2022.

Having delivered a successful and COVID-compliant summer playscheme at Anglesey Primary School during 2020, future plans include the exciting prospect of continuing this partnership. Legacy WM have been approached by the school to explore how we can work with Aspire & Succeed to develop a former caretaker's house into a community base to further enhance our work with local residents. This project would bring the building back into community use and give opportunities for further service delivery, events and projects.

Legacy WM's plans to secure the future of nine Georgian Houses in the area and to become a Registered Social Housing Provider are continuing to take shape. Although this project will take longer than twelve months, the organisation's time and effort will pay dividends in terms of the benefit that it will provide. Through this project, Legacy WM will diversify our services, increase our sustainability, while continuing to keep community at our heart. Currently Legacy WM are working with Housing 21 on the community engagement aspect of their work as they build supported accommodation for older people in Lozells. In turn, Housing 21 are supporting Legacy WM as the organisation continues to navigate a path towards becoming a Registered Social Housing Provider through work on the Georgian Houses project. Look out for updates on our progress on this exciting project!

Moving forward, the three-year funding for the development of Legacy WM's heritage strand has now been completed, but legacy planning for the heritage offer has been challenging as several key funding providers paused new applications as they focussed on emergency COVID-19 response. Heritage and Arts are key components of Legacy WM's offer, and we continue to develop plans for 2021 and beyond. Plans include the collection of over 100 stories from people who have settled in the area from across the globe, and the development of a series of podcasts to share these stories. Legacy WM also plan to develop an Arts Trail along the canal route from Birmingham to Smethwick. We hope to be successful in bids to Arts Council England and National Lottery Fund to make these exciting plans a reality.

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, Legacy WM's income for the last year has been over £300,000.00. We have set ourselves ambitious targets to continue this growth, we plan to raise £500,000.00 by the end of 2021 and £1m within three years. To support these goals Legacy WM will be recruiting a Development Manager in the New Year.

Legacy WM are hopeful that we will emerge from this pandemic as a stronger and more compassionate society. However, we are mindful that there may be difficult times ahead and we brace ourselves for the future. We aim to support the community in whatever way we can in response to the various challenges that may present themselves. Our planned celebrations to mark Legacy WM's tenth anniversary did not take place due to the Coronavirus, but we are hopeful that there will be a return of normality in 2021. The new date for the event is 17th July 2021 at Villa Park, and we hope that you will join the Legacy WM team to celebrate!



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